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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TAKAYAMA ET AL.

Examiner

Temica M. Beamer

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7, 8, 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 10/19/2004 with respect to claims 5, 7, 8 and 10-12 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 5, 7, 8 and 10-12, the applicant argues that Peters fails to disclose allowing freely settable area information to correspond to selectable service programs without requiring a service provider to pre-define a respective area for each of the selectable programs. Applicant also argues that Peters fails to disclose providing customized selectable service programs.

With regards to the first argument, the examiner disagrees. Peters discloses wherein different location areas correspond to different services offered to a user, and if a user is not located within a defined area, selected services are not allowed (col. 2, line 60-col. 3, line 5, col. 8, line 50- col. 9, line 26). Further the claim language, does not specifically indicate who "freely sets" the area information. Thus the network or the system can be the entity that defines the area information as shown in Peters (col. 3, lines 25-54).

Regarding the second argument, the claims do not call for customized selectable programs. The claims only require that a service program be selected. Peters discloses wherein a mobile station selects a service in the UMTS system, and based on the users location such selected service is granted or denied (col. 8, lines 47-49 and col. 9, lines 22-26).

Based on the above remarks, claims 5, 7, 8 and 10-12 stand rejected in view of Peters as described below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 5, 7, 8 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Peters et al (Peters), U.S. Patent No. 6,397,072.

Regarding claims 5, 8 and 11, Peters discloses a storage device storing freely settable area information within a service coverage area and a selectable service program, the area information corresponding to the selectable service program (col. 7, lines 30-42); a communication device receiving position information of a mobile station (col. 8, lines 4-7); a decision device for making a decision of whether a position represented by the position information of the mobile station is included in an area corresponding to the selectable service program (col. 8, lines 50-56); and an execution device executing the selectable service program corresponding to the area information to provide a service to the mobile station when the position is included in the area (col. 9, lines 14-26).

Regarding claims 7 and 10, Peters discloses retrieving a specified selectable service program and area information which is stored corresponding to the specified selectable service program from a storage device storing a plurality of pieces of freely settable area information within a service coverage area and a plurality of selectable service programs for respective different services, each piece of area information corresponding to each selectable service program (col. 2, line 60-col. 3, line 5); deciding whether a position of a mobile station is included in an area represented by the retrieved area information (col. 3, lines 24-33, col. 8, lines 50-56); and executing the retrieved selectable service program to provide a service to the mobile station when the position is included in the area (col. 9, lines 14-26).

Regarding claim 12, Peters discloses linking area information within a service coverage area to the selectable service program (col. 2, line 65-col. 3, line 10); and providing the selectable service program to the mobile station (col. 8, lines 50-59); and providing the selectable service program to the mobile station upon determining that the received position information of the mobile station corresponds to the linked area information within the service coverage area of the selectable service program (col. 9, lines 18-26).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4, 6 and 9 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding independent claims 1, 6 and 9, prior art fails to suggest or render obvious a selection device retrieving from a storage device a selectable service program based on the service selection information and retrieving area information corresponding to the retrieved selectable program and an area decision device making a decision of whether a position represented by the position information is included in an area corresponding to the retrieved selectable program.

Regarding claims 2-4, they are indicated allowable based on their dependence from allowable claim 1.

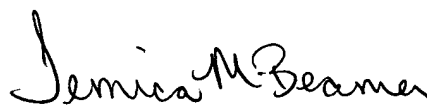
Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Temica M. Beamer whose telephone number is (703) 306-5837. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (703) 306-0003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Temica M. Beamer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Temica" being more prominent than the last name "Beamer".

Temica M. Beamer
Primary Examiner
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